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PORT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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P O R T H E A L T H A U T H O R I T Y.

Health Centre,
Westham Road,
WEYMOUTH.

March, 1959.

To the Chairman and Members of the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

In accordance with Article 17 (5) of the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, I have to submit for your information and consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1957.

The Minister of Health requires that this Report should be prepared on the lines indicated in Form Port 20 which was enclosed with Circular 33/52 dated 6th November, 1952. Form Port 20 states that the information required in Section 1, V, V1, V111, X1V, XV and XV1 - all marked with an asterisk - need not be repeated each year. This information was given in full in the 1955 Report and will be recapitulated in 1960 and thereafter quinquenially. For the intermediate years, only the changes which have occurred during the year covered by the Report need be mentioned in these Sections; if there has been no change, "NO CHANGE" should be entered.

No unusual occurrence took place, and it was not necessary to make any special report during the year.

It is again a pleasure to have this opportunity of thanking members of the Authority for their kindness and consideration, the Clerk for his ready co-operation and Mr. E.V. Abbey, Port Health Inspector, for his willing assistance at all times. I was also most grateful to the Captain-in-Charge, H.M. Dockyard, Portland, to the Divisional Shipping Manager, British Railways, Capt. T.A. Hollyoak, Harbourmaster, and the Officers of H.M. Customs for their continued help and practical assistance when the necessity arose.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

E.J. Gordon Wallace

(E.J. GORDON WALLACE)
Port Medical Officer.

SECTION 1 - STAFF

TABLE A.

NO CHANGE

SECTION 11 - AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE B.

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number Reporte or havi during Infecti on boar
			By the Med. Officer of Health.	By the Port Health Inspector.	
Foreign Ports	38	58,499	4	37	1
Coastwise	685	460,855	4	616	-
Total	723	519,354	8	653	-

It will be noted that compared with the figures given in previous Annual Repo the number of ships from foreign ports shows a considerable reduction while t amount of coastwise shipping is much increased.

In recording this information in previous years, I have followed the prac of H.M. Customs in regarding ships from the Channel Islands as being from fore ports. This year, I have included these ships as being coastwise as I feel t such a classification gives a more realistic picture of the work of the Port.

SECTION 111 - CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR.

TABLE C.

Passenger Traffic (Number of Passengers INWARDS 67,501 Day Trippers.
(Number of Passengers OUTWARDS 73,412 17,549

Cargo Traffic (Principal IMPORTS vegetables, fruit, flowers, poultry,
(oil and timb
(Principal EXPORTS, general merchandise, stores.

Principal Ports from which Ships Arrive. Aden, Antwerp, Bremerhaven, Cork, Dun Flushing, Hamina, Haukipudas, Kalmar, Kemi, Kotka, Lisbon, Little Aden, Norrko Pateniemi, Rotterdam, Rouen, St. Helier, St. Peter Port, Stettin, Trinidad, Tr Werkenden.

SECTION 1V - INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC.

NIL

SECTION V - WATER SUPPLY

NO CHANGE.

SECTION V1 - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS REGULATIONS), 1952.

1. List of Infected Areas (Regulation 6). Information, more up to date than hitherto, is now received each week direct from the World Health Organisation at Geneva. Fresh lists giving appropriate extracts from this W.H.O. Weekly Epidemiological Record are now being sent each week to (a) Port Health Inspector, (b) H.M. Customs, Weymouth and (c) H.M. Customs, Portland.

SECTION V1 (2) - (5) - NO CHANGE.

SECTION V11 - SMALLPOX.

1. Name of Isolation Hospital to which Smallpox Cases are sent from the District.

Crabwood Smallpox Hospital, Nr. Winchester, Hants.
Tel. Winchester 2121.

2. Arrangements for transport of such cases to that Hospital.

Dorset County Council Ambulance Service
(from the Weymouth Ambulance Deport, Tel. No. Wey. 2661.)

Each Ambulance Driver/Attendant at this Deport is re-vaccinated every year. The vaccinal state of the Weymouth Corporation disinfector staff is also maintained by annual re-vaccination.

3. Names of Smallpox Consultants available:

Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace - Weymouth.
Dr. A.F. Turner - Weymouth.
Dr. C. Hollins - Dorchester.

4. Facilities for laboratory diagnosis of Smallpox.

Suspected material is sent to:-

Dr. F.O. McCallum,
Virus Reference Laboratory,
Central Public Health Laboratory,
Colindale, London, N.W.9. - Telephone Colindale 6041.

SECTION V111 - VENEREAL DISEASE

NO CHANGE.

SECTION IX - CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS.

TABLE D.

Category	Disease	No. of cases during Year		No. of Ships Concerned.
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports.	Malaria	Nil	1	1
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports disposed of before arrival.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Cases landed from other ships.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

During the year a local resident who had been employed in one of the Channel Isla Mail Boats was notified to be suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis. Arrangement were made for sixteen members of the crew who were regarded as close contacts, to have their chests x-rayed. This was done and they were all reported to be free from infection.

SECTION X - OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA IN SHIPS.

On 3rd June, 1958, an ordinary seaman from a tanker homeward bound from the Persian Gulf was landed at Weymouth and admitted to Hospital. He had been suffer from fever for the previous 14 days. It was originally thought that he might be suffering from enteric fever but all laboratory investigations for this were noga The clinical picture was that of malaria. Although repeated examination failed t show the presence of parasites in his blood he responded immediately to anti-malar therapy and a diagnosis was made accordingly.

SECTION XI - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED OF PLAGUE.

NIL

SECTION XII - MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS.

1. The Port Health Inspector carried out a detailed inspection for rodents in al ships arriving from foreign ports.

2. Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examinati of rodents to be carried out at the Court Laboratory, Dorchester. No such examinations were carried out during 1958.

SECTION X11 - Cont.

3. The Port Health Inspector has been trained in modern methods of rodent control, including "1080"- Sodium Fluoroacetate. Small infestations are dealt with by trapping and baiting. Large scale infestations would be dealt with by specialist fumigation firms from Southampton or London.

TABLE E.

Rodents destroyed during the year in ships from foreign ports.

Category	Number.
Black rats	Nil
Brown rats	Nil
Species not known	Nil
Sent for examination	Nil
Infected with Plague	Nil

TABLE F.

Deratting Certificates and Deratting Exemption Certificates issued during the Year for ships from foreign Ports.

No. of Deratting Certificates issued.					Number of Deratting Exemption Cert's Issued.	Total Cert's Issued.
After fumigation with		After Trap-ping.	After Poison-ing. *	Total		
H.C.N.	Other fumigant (state method)					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	5	5

* State poisons used and number of Certificates issued after each poison.

In addition to the ships from foreign ports mentioned under Table F above, de-ratting exemption certificates were also issued to four coastwise ships.

SECTION X111 - INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES.

TABLE G.

Inspections and Notices.

NATURE and number of Inspections.		NOTICES SERVED.		Result of Servi Notices.
		Statutory Notices.	Other Notices.	
British	624	Nil	15	11 Abated
Foreign	29	Nil	2	2 Abated
Total	653	Nil	17	13 Abated.

SECTION X1V - PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS, 1934 and 1948.

NO CHANGE

SECTION XV - MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS.

NO CHANGE.

SECTION XV1 - MISCELLANEOUS

NO CHANGE.

WEYMOUTH

PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY.

To. Dr. E.J. Gordon Wallace,
Port Medical Officer of Health.

WEYMOUTH.
March, 1959.

Sir,

In accordance with the requirements of Article 27 (8) of the Sanitary Officers' (Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951, I herewith submit particulars of my work during the year 1958 as Port Health Inspector and Assistant Food Inspector to the Weymouth Port Health Authority.

Particulars of Ships Arriving and Inspected in the Port during 1958.

	Where Inspected.	
	Weymouth	Portland.
British	540	84
Danish	-	1
Dutch	16	3
German	5	-
Norwegian	-	3
Spanish	1	-
Totals ..	562	91

Number of Inspections made during the Year.

Total number of vessels inspected	653
Re-inspections after the giving of notices	20
Re-visits to vessels discharging food cargoes	67
Visits under Section 19 of the Public Health (Ships) Regulations.	14
Total	754

FOOD INSPECTION.

Five hundred and thirty seven visits and sixty seven re-visits were made to vessels discharging food cargoes during the year. Two items of foodstuff were condemned as unfit for human consumption, details of which are set out below.

Foods	Quantity	Date Detained.		Action Taken.
Potatoes	56 lbs.	4.7.58.	8.7.58. -	Condemned and des
Potatoes	224 lbs.	6.7.58.	8.7.58. -	Condemned and des

The total number of packages of food landed in the Port during 1958 was:-

	Packages	Weight. Tons.	Cwts.
Tomatoes	5,371,168	32,379	15
Potatoes	98,519	2,655	-
Other Produce	84,316	816	-
Total	5,554,003	35,760	15.

I wish to express my thanks to the Chairman of the Port Health Authority and to yourself as Port Medical Officer for the support and consideration afforded me during the year. Also to the officers of H.M. Customs, Waterguard and Excise, the Naval Stores Officer and Staff, Shipping Agents and their staffs and members of British Railways Executive and Pier Staff for the assistance which has been so willingly accorded to me.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,

EDWARD V. ABBEY,

Port Health and Assistant Food Inspec